OUTGOING MESSAGE 25X1 Approved For Release 2003/08/08 : CIA-RDP78S019\$2A000100160005-6 1 $\mathbf{0}$ 0 0 SCM CIA/MHZZ SOURCE REF: 8 12 State Dept. review completed IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZIO. 25X1 4 SEPTEMBER 1974 DATE: ITEM NO: REPORTED SENATORIAL VISIT TO NORTH KOREA SUBJECT: EMBASSY SEOUL HAS REPORTED A JAPANESE NEWSPAPER STROY TO THE EFMFECT THAT THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE IS WILLING TO SEND A DELEGATION TO NORTH KOREA IF INVITED TO DO SO BY PYONGYANG. THE JAPANESE STORY STATES THAT SENATORS KENNEDY AND HATFIELD BACK THE PROPOSED TRIP. A PRIME OBJECTIVE OF RECENT NORTH KOREAN POLICY HAS BEEN TO ENGAGE THE US IN DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF KOREA. IN MARCH, PYONGYANG SENT AN OPEN LETTER TO THE US CONGRESS CALLING FOR BBILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON A PEACE AGREEMENT TO REPLACE THE 1953 ARMISTICE ARRANGEMENTS. NORTH KOREA'S TERMS INCLUDED COMPLETE US MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT FROM KOREA, INCLUDING A BAN ON MILITARY

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